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SUBJECT: SITREP SFM 001

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1. DAILY REVIEW OF THE NEWLY-IMPLEMENTED SITREP REVEALED AN INORDINATE NUMBER OF UNIDENTIFIED ("U/I") VEHICLES BEING REPORTED. AN ANALYSIS OF THOSE RECEIVED TO DATE INDICATED THAT APPROXIMATELY THIRTY-TWO (32) PERCENT OF THE NUMBER OF ELEMENTS DETECTED FELL INTO THIS CATEGORY. MOST OF THESE HAVE BEEN FROM THE GIDDI WEST AREA WHERE DIRECT VISUAL OBSERVATION FROM A WATCH STATION IS NOT POSSIBLE; HOWEVER, MANY HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM THE OTHER THREE (3) SENSOR FIELDS - DURING THE HOURS OF BOTH DAYLIGHT AND DARKNESS.

2. WE SURMISED THAT THE U/I COLUMN OF THESE REPORTS CONTAINED THE RAW DATA FROM THE WATCH STATIONS, WHEREAS IT WAS INTENDED THAT THE REPORTS WOULD SUMMARIZE MOVEMENTS AFTER REVIEW AND FOLLOW-UP BY THE USG WATCH OFFICER. IT WAS ASSUMED THAT FOLLOWING HIS REVIEW AND COORDINATION WITH UNEF THAT THE ELEMENTS DETECTED WOULD BE MOVED FROM THE U/I

COLUMN TO THE APPROPRIATELY IDENTIFIED COLUMN. THIS
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UNDERSTANDING IS THE BASIS FOR PARA 2 OF REF A.

3. VEHICLES ON LEGITIMATE MISSIONS INTO THE EARLY WARNING AREA OF THE BUFFER ZONE MUST PASS THROUGH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING UNEF CHECK POINTS: GOLF, CHARLIE, MIKE, MITLA EAST OR BRAVO. THE FIRST FOUR LISTED CHECK POINTS LEAD TO SENSOR FIELDS GIDDI WEST, GIDDI EAST, MITLA WEST AND MITLA EAST, RESPECTIVELY. THE SFM/UNEF COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS ENABLE SFM TO RAPIDLY CONTACT UNEF TO CONFIRM THE PRESENCE, NUMBER, IDENTITY AND DIRECTION OF ANY VEHICLE PASSING THROUGH ANY OF THE CHECK POINTS AND SENSOR FIELDS. THEREFORE, IT SHOULD BE RELATIVELY EASY TO CONFIRM THE IDENTITY OF AUTHORIZED VEHICLES IN THE EARLY WARNING AREA OF THE BUFFER ZONE.

4. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT IF NEITHER THE WATCH STATIONS NOR THE UNEF CHECK POINTS CAN CONFIRM THE IDENTITY OF VEHICLES REPORTED BY THE SENSOR FIELDS, SOP REQUIRES THAT UNEF BE REQUESTED TO INTERCEPT THE UNIDENTIFIED INTRUDERS AND TO REPORT THE RESULTS TO SFM. (THIS PROCEDURE WAS SUCCESSFULLY EMPLOYED SHORTLY AFTER SFM BECAME OPERATIONAL WHEN AN UNREPORTED UNEF SUPPLY CONVOY ENTERED THE GIDDI WEST SENSOR FIELD.) ONLY THOSE VEHICLES PASSING THROUGH THE SENSOR FIELDS AND NOT IDENTIFIED BY AT LEAST ONE OF THE ABOVE METHODS (I.E., WATCH STATION OBSERVATION, UNEF CHECK POINT OBSERVATION, UNEF INTERCEPTION AND IDENTIFICATION) SHOULD BE REPORTED AS UNIDENTIFIED AND WOULD RESULT IN AN EVENT REPORT TO ALL PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT.

5. REQUEST YOU CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT OUR UNDERSTANDING OF REPORT CONTENTS AND PROCEDURES IS CORRECT.

6. NEW SUBJECT. EXAMINATION OF NEW SITREPS RECEIVED TO DATE INDICATES INSTANCES FOR WHICH THE NUMBER OF MOVEMENTS EXCEEDS THE NUMBER OF ELEMENTS REPORTED. SUCH INCONSISTENCIES IN SITREPS ARE BEING TABULATED BY SSM AND WILL BE REPORTED TO YOU BY SEPTEL ON OR BEFORE SEPT. 3. REQUEST YOU RETAIN AUGUST WATCH STATIONS RECORDS SO THAT YOU CAN PROVIDE CLARIFICATIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO AUGUST RECORDS.

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